Verily, the Help of Allah is Near!

Our Lord, Blessed and Exalted be He, showed that the affliction of the believers with adversity is a Sunnah for all the followers of the messengers. He afflicts them with whatever calamities He wills before He blesses them with victory in this world and the bliss that resides in the hereafter. The Almighty says: "Or do you think that you will enter Paradise while such [trial] has not yet come to you as came to those who passed on before you? They were touched by poverty and hardship and were shaken until [even their] messenger and those who believed with him said, 'When is the help of Allah?' Unquestionably, the help of Allah is near" (Al-Baqara: 214).

And if the promise of Allah for the near victory for His worshipers is undoubtedly fulfilled, then this promised victory will be attained by the worshipers after patience and endurance amid the hardships of the path, and after expending a great deal of sweat and blood in order to empower the religion of Allah in his land. Victory is not for those who claim that they deserve it while disobeying Allah - those who lack patience in accepting harm in His path, and refrain from performing jihad to establish His religion and remove shirk from His land. Rather, they deserve to be tormented in this world and in the Hereafter as punishment for their disobedience to their Lord. Allah did not wrong them, but they wronged themselves.

Our Lord, Blessed and Exalted be He, has promised those who apostatize from His religion and who have not been patient with the temptation of the mushrikin, that they will receive the torment of the Hellfire. They do not deserve the support of Allah because of their kufr. The Almighty says: "And they will continue to fight you until they turn you back from your religion if they are able. And whoever of you reverts from his religion [to disbelief] and dies while he is a disbeliever - for those, their deeds have become worthless in this world and the Hereafter, and those are the companions of the Fire, they will abide therein eternally" (Al-Baqara: 217).

Our Lord, the Most High, tortured those who abstained from His order to carry out jihad against His enemies, after he had promised them empowerment in His land. But when they turned to obeying Him, then they did deserve to receive His promise. Allah says: "They said, 'O Moses, indeed we will not enter it, ever, as long as they are within it; so go, you and your Lord, and fight. Indeed, we are remaining right here.' [Moses] said, 'My Lord, indeed I do not possess except myself and my brother, so part us from the defiantly disobedient people.' [Allah] said, 'Then indeed, it is forbidden to them for forty years [in which] they will wander throughout the land. So do not grieve over the defiantly disobedient people'" (Al-Ma'ida: 26-24).

And the Almighty says: "O you who have believed, what is [the matter] with you that, when you are told to go forth in the cause of Allah, you adhere heavily to the earth? Are you satisfied with the life of this world rather than the Hereafter? But what is the enjoyment of worldly life compared to the Hereafter except a [very] little. If you do not go forth, He will punish you with a painful punishment and will replace you with another people, and you will not harm Him at all. And Allah is over all things competent" (At-Tawba: 39-38).

If our Messenger ﷺ and his honorable companions were the clearest example of the support of Allah for His faithful servants after humiliation and subjugation, then this empowerment on earth was not only a result of a true belief in Allah and His religion, but it was through faith in this religion in belief, word, and deed.

They were patient with the harm of the pagans of Makkah for years, then they endured hardships in their hijrah from their homeland and their families, fleeing with their religion for years. Then, they carried out jihad against the enemies of Allah, the pagans, for as many years as they could, until Allah conquered for them the lands and the hearts of the servants. Victory is only from Allah, the Mighty, the Wise, for He will help His believers, even if people fail them and turn away from supporting them, as the Almighty says:

"If you do not aid the Prophet - Allah has already aided him when those who disbelieved had driven him out [of Makkah] as one of two, when they were in the cave and he said to his companion, 'Do not grieve; indeed Allah is with us.' And Allah sent down his tranquillity upon him and supported him with angels you did not see and made the word of those who disbelieved the lowest, while the word of Allah - that is the highest. And Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise" (At-Tawba: 40).

Hence, these are the reasons for the victory that the first Muslims of this Ummah fulfilled until they deserved the victory of Allah and his empowerment on earth. And if they abstained from obeying Allah and had forsaken performing the duties of this religion, they would have been let down and would not have attained victory, and the Sunnah of Allah will never be exchanged.

As for the one who abandons his duties, and even made it worse by doing forbidden actions, and then asks for the support of Allah, then he will have nothing but disappointment and regret in this world and the Hereafter. Even worse are those who abstain from jihad in fear of death and affliction, and were busy stabbing the mujahidin, and they claim that they are waiting for the victory of Allah! The actions of these people are like the actions of the munafiqin about whom Allah says: "And that He might make evident those who are hypocrites. For it was said to them, "Come, fight in the way of Allah or [at least] defend." They said, "If we had known [there would be] fighting, we would have followed you." They were nearer to disbelief that day than to faith, saying with their mouths what was not in their hearts. And Allah is most Knowing of what they conceal - Those who said about their brothers while sitting [at home], 'If they had obeyed us, they would not have been killed.' Say, 'Then prevent death from yourselves, if you should be truthful'" (Aal-i-Imran: 168-167).

Thus, Muslims must believe in Allah, by supporting His religion, performing jihad for His cause, and asking Him, Glory be to Him, for help, success, and reward. Then, they await the great victory from Allah, and it is near as promised by Him. It might only be delayed from them by His will, Glory be to Him, and because of their sins. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation.